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Statues of Abraham Lincoln

Isidore Konti

Excerpts from newspapers and other
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Yonkers, N. Y.

Isidore Konti's statue of Abraham Lincoln which has been erected by the city of Yonkers, is placed at the intersection of McLean Avenue and South Broadway, and is illuminated at night.

The figure of Lincoln stands eight feet, six inches and portrays Lincoln delivering an address. He is before a speakers desk on which he has placed his cape and hat. The left foot is advanced, one hand clasps a lapel of his coat, and the other is outstretched as if in mute entreaty.

The pedestal is in granite and is six feet, six inches high. The work was financed by the Lincoln Memorial Association which appropriated \$30,000 toward its construction, part of which was obtained by public subscription. It was unveiled in 1929.



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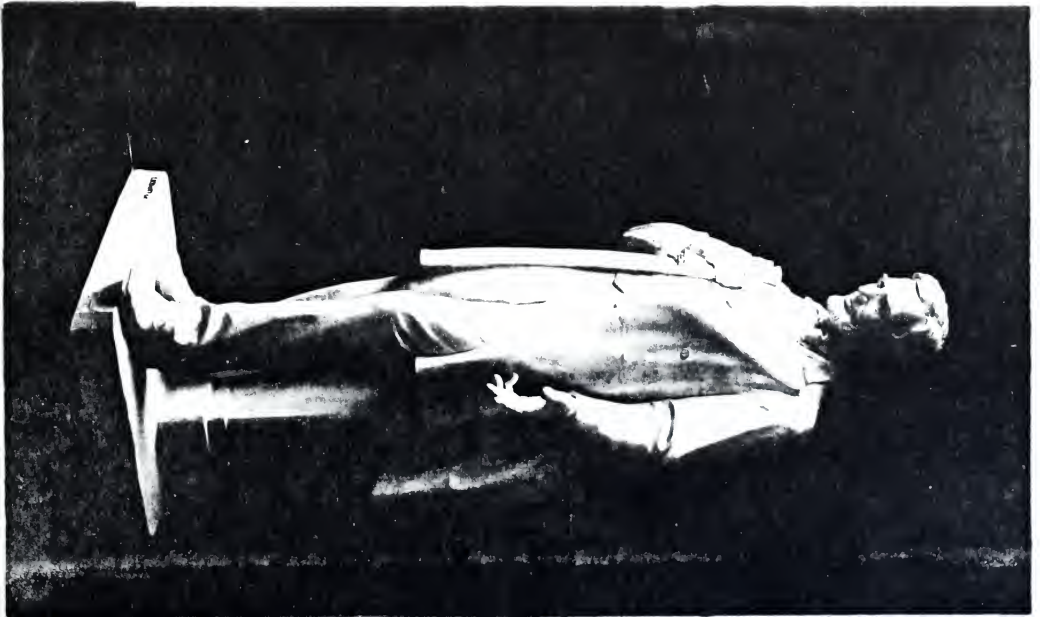
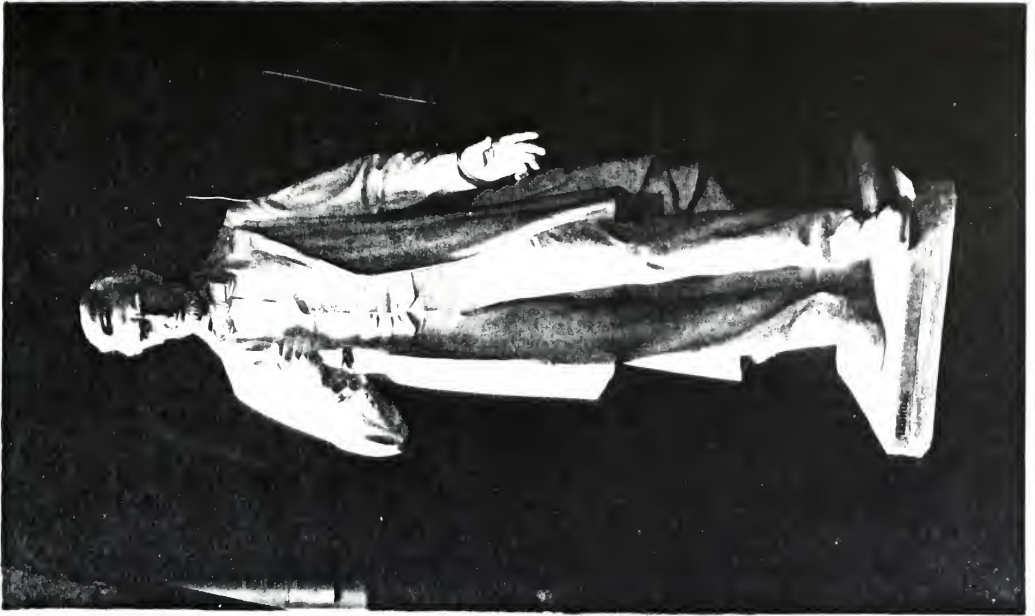


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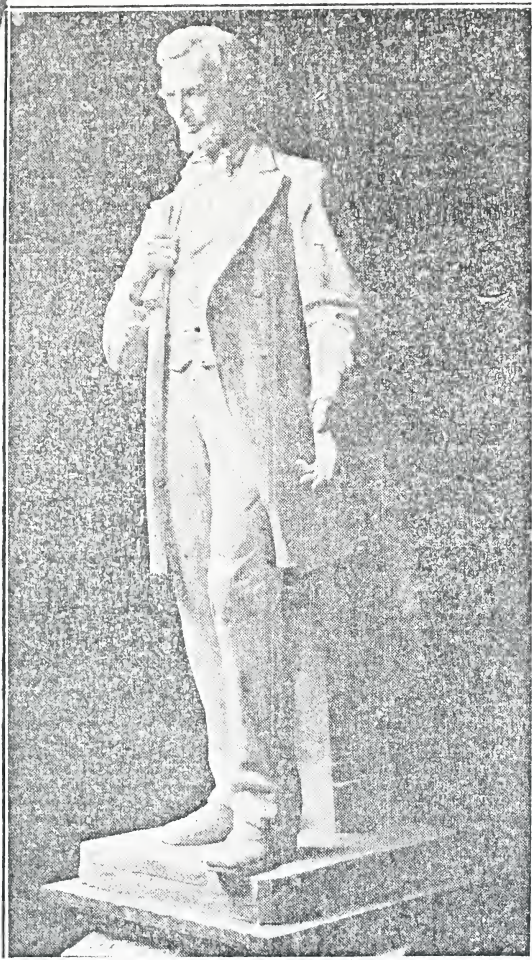
YONKERS, NEW YORK STATUE

Strike Delays Statue Dedication.

Owing to a strike of bronze workers who were casting the statue of President Lincoln which is to be erected on South Broadway at McLean Avenue, Yonkers, Major Abraham Tompkins of Kitching Post, Grand Army of the Republic, announced yesterday that plans to dedicate the monument on Memorial Day had been abandoned. Isidore Konti, the sculptor, who lives in Yonkers, does not expect the monument to be ready by Memorial Day. The Grand Army will hold its Memorial Day parade as usual.

N.Y. Times - 5-22-1929

May Unveil Lincoln Statue Labor Day



THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL

The statue of Abraham Lincoln, which was to have been unveiled on July Fourth, but due to trouble at the foundry was not completed by that date, was brought here Wednesday and is now at Memorial Park, McLean Avenue and South Broadway.

Owing to the absence from the city of Major C. V. Benton, chairman of the Memorial Committee, it could not be learned when the monument would be unveiled. It is believed, however, by other members of the committee that the unveiling ceremonies will take place on Labor Day, Sept. 2.

Workmen were busily engaged all

day yesterday putting the finishing touches on the monument and placing the statue on its base in the center of the park. The work was completed today and the statue covered to await the unveiling ceremonies.

The erection of the monument was authorized two years ago when the Common Council came to the assistance of the Lincoln Memorial Association, which had sought to raise the necessary money by public subscription, and appropriated \$10,000 for the work. The memorial is 14 feet over all in height, the statue of Lincoln being over eight feet tall. It was designed by Isidore Konti, noted sculptor, of 314 Riverdale Avenue.

Unveil Statue Columbus Day

Complete Plans for Lincoln Memorial Dedication

Columbus Day was set as the date for unveiling the Lincoln monument in Memorial Park, McLean Avenue and South Broadway, at a meeting in City Hall last night of the Lincoln Monument Memorial Committee.

The meeting was the first at which Major Charles A. Benton has presided. He was recently appointed to chairman of the committee in place of Abraham H. Tompkins, commander of Kitching Post, G. A. R., who died a short time ago.

Major Benton is president of the North Yonkers Citizens' Association.

Committees appointed by Mr. Tompkins were reappointed without change last night. Former Mayor Leslie Sutherland was authorized to proceed with the work of obtaining speakers for the exercises in connection with the unveiling.

The next committee meeting will be Sept. 12.

YONKERS (New York) STATESMAN
Friday, August 23, 1929

UNVEIL LINCOLN STATUE OCT. 12

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A meeting of the Memorial Committee will be held in the Mayor's Reception Room on Thursday, September 12.

YONKERS (NY) HERALD
Thursday, August 22, 1929

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Wax in ears was found to interfere with the hearing of 37. Need of attention to tonsils and adenoids was the cause of trouble in 77.

LINCOLN MEMORIAL COMMITTEE TO MEET

John Hoy, secretary to Mayor John J. Fogarty and acting secretary of the Abraham Lincoln Memorial Committee, has notified the members of that body of a meeting to be held in the Mayor's Reception Room tomorrow evening at eight o'clock. All members of the Committee are urged to be present as matters of importance, probably the subject of unveiling of the statue, are to be discussed.

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ISIDORE KONTI, *Sculptor*

LINCOLN MONUMENT
UNVEILING EXERCISES

Memorial Park, Yonkers, New York

October 12, 1929

PROGRAM

HON. LESLIE SUTHERLAND, presiding

MUSIC

INTER-HIGH SCHOOL BAND

INVOCATION

REV. WENDELL PRIME KEELER

FIVE MINUTE ADDRESSES

HON. JOHN J. FOGARTY
Mayor, City of Yonkers

DR. NATHAN A. WARREN

HON. WILLIAM A. WALSH

REV. FATHER CYPRIAN, O. M. Cap.

RABBI EMANUEL JACK

DECLAMATION

Lincoln's Gettysburg Address

ROBERT BELKNAP

Grandson of the late Ethelbert Belknap

ADDRESS

HON. ARTHUR S. TOMPKINS
Justice of the Supreme Court

Judge Tompkins will be introduced by

HON. WILLIAM F. BLEAKLEY
Justice of the Supreme Court

PROGRAM



PRESENTATION OF SPADE

Presentation to
MRS. ELIZA N. TOMPKINS
of spade used by her husband, the late Major Abraham H.
Tompkins in breaking ground for the Lincoln Monument
on April 26, 1929

MUSIC INTER-HIGH SCHOOL BAND

UNVEILING OF MONUMENT
WILLIAM HUNTER TOMPKINS
Grandson of the late Major Abraham H. Tompkins
GRACE SELLECK CUTBILL
Granddaughter of the late Jere S. Clark

PLACING OF WREATH
Presented by
THE COLUMBUS SOCIETY
IDA CERRATO AND RUDOLPH SPAGNOLO

BENEDICTION
REV. SYDNEY W. SMITH

SALUTE

TAPS

*All are invited to proceed to Columbus Park
for the Columbus Day Exercises*

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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MAJOR CHARLES V. BENTON, *Chairman*

DR. NATHAN A. WARREN, *Vice-Chairman*

MR. LAMONT F. HODGE, *Secretary*

Mr. James Arbuckle	Mr. Isidore Konti
Major Charles V. Benton	Mr. Joseph Lennox
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Mr. Joseph A. Cerrato	Mr. Orlando Nichols
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Admiral P. F. Harrington	Mr. Frank M. Ward
Mr. Lamont F. Hodge	Dr. Nathan A. Warren
Mr. Daniel Wolff	

Kaloyer, Maloria

314 Riverdale Ave.
Yonkers, N.Y.

November 9th, 1929

The Lincoln Historical Research Foundation
Att. of Louis A. Warren, Director
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

Upon my return from Europe
I find your letter requesting
some detailed matter in regard
to the Lincoln statue Mr. Ronti
made for Yonkers, unanswered.
I beg to say that Mr. Ronti is
expected from Europe about Dec.
15th. If there is no special
haste, perhaps the matter can
abide until he returns. Otherwise
I can mail you Photo and
newspaper reports of the unveiling
which took place on October 12th
in Memorial Park, Yonkers.

I sincerely regret the late reply
to your request -

Very truly yours

Maloria D. Kaloyer
for Mr. Isidore Ronti



Planta - Society

November 19, 1929

Malaria D. Kalyer
314 Riverdale Avenue
Yonkers, New York

Dear Madam:

We should be very glad indeed to get in touch with Mr. Konti upon his return from Europe and possibly secure some further information from him about his Creation of Lincoln.

In the meantime, it would be a real accommodation if you could send us a picture of the statue and also the excerpts from daily papers announcing the unveiling.

This material is desired for a book on Lincoln statues which we contemplate publishing.

Respectfully yours,

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Director,
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation.

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Miss Ethel Henneford, Assistant Director
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation
Lincoln National Life Insurance Company
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dear Madam:

In answer to your letter requesting information about the Lincoln Statue in Yonkers, executed by Isador Konti, we are enclosing a copy of the program at the unveiling, so that you may see what the statue is like.

It was erected by the City of Yonkers, and placed at the intersection of McLean Avenue and South Broadway, where it is illuminated at night.

The statue is in bronze, standing eight feet, six inches, and depicts Lincoln delivering an address. He stands before a speaker's desk, on which he has placed his cape and hat.

The pedestal is in Greens Landing (also called Deers Island) Granite, and is six feet, six inches high.

The chairman of the Committee, a Mayor Tompkins, died before the unveiling, and Mr. Konti, the sculptor, being in Europe at the time, there was not very much publicity.

The information above has been obtained through the kindness of Mr. Konti, and we would appreciate it if you would send us a copy of your booklet that we might pass it on to Mr. Konti.

I trust that we have covered the details you wished, and that the information will be helpful to you.

Very truly yours,

YONKERS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Helen M. Blodgett

Librarian.

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ISIDORE KONTI
SCULPTOR
314 RIVERDALE AVENUE
YONKERS, N. Y.

August 14, 1930.

Mr. Louis A. Warren, Director
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

Your communications regarding the Lincoln Monument I made for the City of Yonkers, came while I was abroad, and unhappily were mislaid, and only the other day I found them again.

I am enclosing a photo of the monument and another photo of the statue. As to newspaper material, I am unable to find much. I know the New York Herald Tribune of April 7, 1929 brought a picture of the statue which I am told had appeared also in other papers.

The unveiling had to be postponed several times on account of a strike in the Bronze foundary. Major Abraham H. Tompkins who was the chairman of the Monument Committee died before the unveiling of the monument, which finally was dedicated on October 12, 1929. I am sorry to say I could not obtain any Newspaper pertaining to the unveiling celebration.

Trusting you will pardon this long delay, I am

Yours very truly,

Isidore Konti

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YONKERS, NEW YORK

LINCOLN SHRINE
BOY SCOUT
PILGRIMAGE
FEBRUARY 12



SCULPTOR - ISIDORE KONTI

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